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DeLaHoussay Family History

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The De la Houssaye family is mentioned in the annals of France as early as the tenth century. In the First Crusade there was a Sieur de la Houssaye attached to the King as First Equerry. In the Second and Third Crusades, there are mentioned first a Sieur de la Houssaye and Second a Count de la Houssaye. Again in the Vandaen wars, a Count de la Houssaye figures prominently as a leader.

No definite records are available, however, until the earlier part of the 17th century when the family appears to have become an established one with a chateau at Nantes. The first known head of the family is:

1. Le Pelletier de la Houssaye, a distinguished magistrate, married to Françoise, daughter of the Count Alain de Tréguier et Marguerite, dame de Pétronille d'Avaugour (mentioned in the genealogy of the house of Penthièvre). From them was born,
 2. Martin le Pelletier de la Houssaye who, towards the end of the 16th century, came to Paris and established himself there and was made Master of Accounts. He was married to Marie de Fayet, daughter of Nicolas, Sieur de Fayet, President of the Hall of Accounts and of Diane de Sublet. Of them was born,
 3. Nicolas le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, Master of Accounts in 1630, who married Catherine Vialart, daughter of Michel Vialart, French Ambassador to Switzerland, and of Charlotte de Signy, daughter of the Count de Signy. Their children were: Jacques, as following, and Nicolas, the second born.
 4. Jaques le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, Counsellor of Parliament of Paris January 7, 1645, died leaving no children from his marriage to Marie d'Ardier, daughter of Paul, Count de Beauregard, President of the Hall of Accounts, and Louise d'Ollier.
 5. Nicolas le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, youngest brother of the preceding Count, inherited the title. He was made Counsellor in Parliament of Paris February 19, 1653, Master of Inquiries, December 9, 1660, died January 10, 1674. He married Catherine de Perigny, who died May 2, 1720, daughter of Jean Babbiste, Count de Perigny, Master of Inquiries, and of Catherine de Talon. They had the following children:
 1. Felix, as follows,
 2. Calude Henri, second son,
 3. Catherine, who died May 16, 1703, married to Michel Amelot, Marquis de Sournay, etc., Counsellor of State and Ambassador to Spain, from whom were born three children.
 6. Félix le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, de Signy et de Chateau-Poissy, Counsellor at the Castle, then in Parliament of Paris, February 26, 1687, Master of In-

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Inquiries in 1690, Surveyor of Soissons in 1697, of Montauban in 1699, of Hainaut in 1702, and of Alsace in 1706, Counsellor of State in 1708, Chancellor and Keeper of the seal of His Royal Highness the Duke d'Orléans, General Comptroller of Finances December 10, 1720, Provost and Master of Ceremony of the Order of the Holy Ghost, May 25, 1721. Died September 10, 1723 at the age of sixty years and is buried at Feuillants. On January 13, 1687, he was married to Marie Madeleine du Bois de Gendréville, daughter of Sebastien du Bois, Marquis de Gendréville, Master of the Bureau on Inquiries and Presiding officer of the Grand Council, and of Marie de Thierefault, daughter of the Vicomte de Thierefault. She died August 21, 1746, at the age of 81, leaving as follows:

1. Felix Claude, as follows,
2. Françoise Catherine.

7. Felix Claude le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye de Signy, born January 5, 1692, Counsellor of the Parliament of Paris August 21, 1715, Master of the Bureau of Inquiries May 18, 1719, Surveyor of Finances in March 1722, Counsellor of State in May 1741, died December 6, 1748, and was buried at Feuillants. On November 6, 1719, he was married to Charlotte Marie, daughter of Charles Louis, Marquis de Lengnen, Receiver General of Finances and general farmer and land owner, and of Catherine Charlotte, daughter of Alphonse Louis, Count de Troisdames. Their children were:

1. Claude Jaques Charles, as follows,
2. Madeleine Louise Charlotte, married on May 3, 1740, to Paul Esprit, Count de la Bourdonnaye de Blossac, Master of Inquiries. She died in April 1764..
3. Anne Louise Charlotte Felice, who was married December 13, 1746, to Cardin François Xavier du Bret, Vicomte de la Marcière, Attorney General at the Grand Council, First President of the Parliament of Aix in survivorship.

8. Claude Jacques Charles le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye de Signy, born January 26, 1726, Counsellor of Parliament of Paris August 27, 1745, Master of Inquiries, died in June 3, 1750. He was married in May, 1746, to Hersilie Françoise Alice, daughter of Jean Maurice de Beaupré, Count de Beaupré et de Varence. Their children were:

1. Claude Henri, as follows,
2. Hersilie Alice, married to the Marquis de Brie.

9. Claude Henri le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye de Signy, Vicomte de Saint Laurant, Captain of the Royal Guards, married Elizabeth Michelle de Guiry, daughter of André, Marquis de Guiry, Count de Perchay. Their children were as follows:

1. Nicolas Josse le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, Abbot of Hambye, who died April 28, 1740, at the age of 44 years.
2. Michel, Lieutenant des Grenadiers in the Regiment of the Royal Guards, who died May 14, 1737. On February 7, 1726, he was married to Angelique du Gué, daughter of François, Marquis du Gué, President

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of the Chamber of Accounts of Paris. Of them no children were born.

3. Paul Augustin, who died January 18, 1722, at the age of nineteen years.
 4. Louis Joseph who inherited the title, as follows,
 5. Hersilie Claire Elisabeth, married in 1720, to Alexandre Edmé le Riche, Count de Chevaigne, Counsellor of Parliament, of whom children were born.
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10. Louis Joseph le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, born May 7, 1724, Counsellor of State, Master of Inquiries, was married to Angele Micael, daughter of Bernard Vellé, Count de Beaulieu. Knighted by King Louis XIV and made Lieutenant of the Guards. His children were:
 1. Louis, as follows.
 2. Hersilie Claire, married to the Vicomte de Rochefort.
 3. Blanche Elisabeth, who became a nun at St.Cyr.
 11. Louis le Pelletier, Count de la Houssaye, Knighted by King Louis XV, Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Saint Louis, was born in February, 1751. He was married Sept. 22, 1774, to Madeleine Victoire de Levillier, daughter of Pierre Vincent, Count de Levillier, and Françoise Alix de Sigur, sister of the Cardinal de Sigur. Count Louis le Pelletier was sent to Louisiana by the King to establish order, established himself in the Attakapas country and founded the American family of de la Houssayes. His children were:
 1. Alexandre, as follows,
 2. Octave, who married Mademoiselle de St. Amand in first marriage, of whom was born Onéziphore, and Mademoiselle Olivier in second marriage, of whom was born: Léonce, Alfred, Henri, St. Cyr, Octave, Cloraine, Félicie, Celeste, Françoise, Laure and Gabrielle.
 12. Alexandre le Pelletier de la Houssaye, born on the plantation in St. Martin Parish Oct. 7, 1796, was married to Mademoiselle Aminte de Latil Bienvenu. Of them were born, among others:
 1. Hersilie de la Houssaye, as follows
*Sister married Pierre Wiltz
Alexandre + St. Cyr*
 13. Hersilie de la Houssaye, daughter of Alexandre le Pelletier de la Houssaye, was married to Charles de la Guérinière Bienvenu. Of them were born the following children:
 1. Hersilie, married to Henri Gardes.
 2. Micael, married to Alfred Wiltz, Mayor of New Orleans and Governor of Louisiana.
 3. Blanche Alice, married to Col. T.L.Broussard.
 4. Charles, *married to Paul Allen*
 5. Gabrielle, *married to William Eastern*
 6. Edwin, *married to Darcane Benvenu*

The Coat-of-arms of the Pelletier de la Houssaye de Signy family, etc.,:

A shield of silver, an uprooted oak in center, three roses of Geules, two on top of shield and one at bottom, topped by helmet in relief over silver and green foliage.

The distinguishing features of the de la Houssayes are:

Either perfectly straight or slightly Roman nose.
Extremely delicate, well-shaped mouths for both the men as well as the women.
Large eyes and high foreheads.
Complexions generally dark.

14. *Blanche Alice de la Houssaye de Signy*
was married to Colonel J. L. Broussard.
of them was born
the following children

Guiseleine Broussard - married to

Bertha Labbé

George Broussard, married to

Leonise Lacroix

Walter Broussard, married to

Nettie Piotta

Blanche Broussard, married

to *Wm. J. Sanders*

James Broussard, married

to *Nora Dougherty*

Henry B. - married to

Maggie Beuch

Louis B. - married to

Ethel Haines

Ines B. - married to

Rev. Albert P. Vanhook

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5 Inez Broussard, married to
Dr. Albert P. Laorchies son
Sept. 15 of whom were born
the following.

Harold - died in infancy
Mildred - married to Frank
J. Frederico
Inez - married to Dr. Dudley R.
H. Leam.

Inez Laorchies, married to
Dr. Dudley R. - son
of whom were born the
following:

Inez
Jacqueline
Bobbie
Peggy

7 - Jacqueline Anne Leam, married
to Robert Percy W. Leamsey, of whom
were born the following:

Robert Percy